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SUBJ: POISONOUS TOAD INFESTATION

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1. AS REQUESTED, CONGEN CONTACTED STEPHEN S. CLARK AT AUSTRALIAN
MUSEUM REGARDING TOAD INFSTATION. CLARK, A PLANT APHOLGIST,
UNEARTHED FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

2. BUFO MARINUS OR CANE TOAD INTRODUCED TO AUSTRALIA AT CAIRNS
AS MEANS CONTROLLING CANE BEETLE AROUND 1935. SINCE INTRODUCTION
TOAD HAS SPREAD NORTH AND SOUTH. PRESENT SOUTHERN LIMITS NOW
BRISBANE AREA, THOUGH SOME HAVE BEEN RECORDED IN NORTHERN NEW
SOUTH WALES. DANGER STEMS FROM POISON GLANDS IN TOAD WHICH CAN
KILL ANIMALS ATTEMPTING TO EAT IT.

3. ACCORDING TO CLARK, TOAD CURRENTLY BEING STUDIED BY MS.
JEANETTE CORACEVITCH, QUEENSLAND MUSEUM AND DOCTOR G. GREGG,
DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY. IF FURTHER
INFORMATION REQUIRED POST SUGGESTS CITRON CONTACT THESE
INDIVIDUALS DIRECTLY.

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